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Dear Mr Azzam

Many thanks for your letter dated 8 June 1990 concerning Sadiq al-Mahdi and his son Abdelrahmane.

As you can see from the attached papers Amnesty International has been expressing concern about these two prisoners held without charge or trial.

Urgent Actions issued by Amnesty International have generated numerous appeals on their behalf from our worldwide membership. We are monitoring their situation very closely and we will continue raising our concerns with the Sudanese authorities.

I would like to inform you that Amnesty International has adopted Sadiq al-Mahdi as a prisoner of conscience and has been calling for his unconditional and immediate release. Recent reports received from Khartoum indicate that he is now allowed visits by his doctor although still under house arrest.

Yours sincerely

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